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## Editorial

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## WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE

The crime against the soil is a crime equal to any crime against humanity. Misuse of soil is reducing individuals to morons, communities to poverty, nations to decay and may as Malthus predicted years ago make the world a place in which population would outstrip food supply.

Recently there was reproduced in "The Rotarian," the picture of a morose boy leaning against a run-down shack. In the background, some pitiful attempts at beautification. In the distance an eroded hillside. A scene of futility and despair. All through ignorance of soil conservation.

The crime is none the less because of its imperceptible creeping in, like a thief in the night. The crime is none the less because no one person can be accused of it. Soil decay comes on like old age, and many think that life is too short to assume responsibility for something so subtle as soil decay. The other day a man said to me, when it was called to his attention that because of soil drifting his land was not yielding what it should—"Oh to hell with it. I won't need it much longer!"

We will have to assume individual responsibility or outside technical control—perhaps both. In England today no poor farmer is allowed to operate a farm. The practice

tise of state control of some kind in respect to soil may well spread to other parts of the world.

We have had in this district the experience of unqualified direction of resources. It might be said that social acceptance is no guarantee of ability. It is very often just the reverse. The same mistakes are still going on—the direction of the technical aspects of our civil life by unqualified people. The result is that the town of Raymond and its environs presents the appearance of a few, dump ground and an uncleaned hog pen—because of the ignorant handling of water and soil.

## THEN WHAT ?!

We submit the following: first the hiring of a first class hard boiled engineer by the combined town council, municipal district and irrigation district; secondly, the passage of such orders by the aforesaid councils as will properly drain the town and district by providing drainage canals; eliminate seepage by doing away with ponds—even to the point of controlling those on private property where they are deemed a public menace; the substitution of wells for ponds as a source of stock water supply; ADEQUATE culverts in proper places in fills and road and the careful grading of bar-pits to these culverts. Administration of penalties to individuals who do not respect the need.

To the individual farmer on the land we submit: private drainage ditches connecting the co-operatively

## HISTORY OF RAYMOND

By ELIZABETH KING



ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE AND INFLUENTIAL FAMILY OF PIONEERS

David F. Fawns, Patriarch, was a pioneer of Alberta and took an active interest and part in helping to establish the Mormon people in this part of the country. Two of his sons, Arthur and William came in 1902, the rest of his family following in March of 1903. Jesse Knight owned four sections of land at what is now Craddock and on this land were 200 head of cattle. Upon leaving Canada "Uncle" Jesse placed the management of this property in the hands of David F. Fawns and sons. In March of 1906 Mr. Fawns was called on a long term mission to the Western States where he labored for 2 years. This was his second mission as he had filled a two year mission for his church before coming to Canada.

In later years Mr. Fawns sold his interests in the farm and bought a house and lot in town which is now

controlled ones: intelligent control of irrigating water. "It is better to err on the dry side," says Dr. Widtsoe. Rotation of crops—for instance a straight beet program with an irrational urge to irrigate will result in grave damage to the soil—on the other hand, pasture, forage crops and manuring together with an intelligent use of the shovel and soil auger to determine the actual needs of water is better.

Are we going to safeguard the future.



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## MORE ABOUT SEED TREATMENT

Line Elevators Farm Service offers no apology for again emphasizing the importance and value of seed treatment for small grain crops, including flax, in 1948.

At the recent annual meeting of the Associate Committee on Plant Diseases (Dominion Department of Agriculture and National Research Council), plant pathologists and other crop specialists emphasized the importance of seed treatment in reducing the ever-increasing losses from smut and other seed-borne diseases of grain crops in Western Canada, and recommended that seed treatment be more widely and adequately practised by prairie farmers this year.

**Seed Treatment Recommendations.** A brief, general interpretation of the official seed treatment recommendations for 1948 is as follows: (1) All wheat seed should be treated with an appropriate fungicide, unless it has been examined by accepted methods and found to be sound, healthy, and free from surface-borne smut. It should be recognized, however, that, even in the absence of smut, seed treatment may be beneficial in protecting the seed against soil-borne diseases such as pre-emergence blight, seedling blight, and root rot. (2) All seed of oats, barley and flax should be treated with an appropriate fungicide. (3) In the treatment of seed grain farmers should follow precisely the instructions and directions of the chemical manufacturer.

**Avoid Disease Losses.** Farmers can avoid smut and other disease losses in 1948 by properly treating the seed they sow this spring. No farm practice will yield a greater return for the same investment in money and time than will seed treatment. For information on seed treatment consult your local Agricultural Representative, or write to the nearest Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology (Winnipeg, Saskatoon, or Edmonton), or to the Line Elevators Farm Service, Winnipeg or Calgary.

occupied by Harold McKean and family.

David F. Fawns was a great lover of flowers and was especially interested in horticulture. The cultivation of flowers, shrubs and garden vegetables was his delightful hobby and any one passing "Grandpa" Fawns place was wont to stop and gaze in wonderment at the beauty of it all.

Mr. Fawns could always be seen out among his flowers or vegetables where he spared no time, money or energy in their culture and development. It was often said "you can't find a single weed among his flowers or vegetable garden". The writer can especially remember his beautiful Geraniums of all colors and kind with leaves as large as saucers and plants like small trees. In the days of the yearly Fairs in Raymond Magrath and Lethbridge, and other places Mr. Fawns was always a heavy first prize winner for his flowers and vegetables and especially his outstanding potatoes.

Later he specialized in fruit and grew many varieties of apples and small fruits very successfully.

Mrs. David F. Fawns was very active in the Relief Society in those early days. She was well known as an excellent cook and when ever a supper was put one in the church she way always there preparing appetizing dishes. Mrs. Fawns passed away in 1925 and Mr. Fawns in July 1932. They were the parents of seven children, Arthur, Elizabeth, William, Nell, Ervin, Charles and Retta.

Arthur Eugene Fawns came to Canada in March 1902 and settled in Raymond. On September 3rd 1902 he was sustained first counselor to F. W. Kirkham in the Stake, or eastern circuit of the Y.M.M.I.A. When the Taylor Stake was organized in 1903 he was chosen 2nd counselor to Bishop John F. Anderson. He was a carpenter by trade and helped build the big barn on the old Ray Knight place which burned down.

He helped build the Ellison Mill in 1902 and the Sugar Factory in 1905. He worked on the school board for several years and was active in the U.F.A. He was active as a teacher in the Sunday school and other organizations. So successful was he as a leader that in November 1904 he was sustained bishop of the Stirling Ward. He took charge of his first meeting as bishop November 27, 1904 which was his 29th birthday. He was bishop of the Stirling ward for 25 years. He was released October 22, 1929. During his term of office the new L.D.S. church and amusement hall were built under his direction. He moved back to Raymond in 1940 where he passed away April 17, 1945.

At his funeral President T. George Wood paid this tribute to him: "He loved his people and his faith was a vital and living thing. I recall the time he was building the church and recreation hall. Bishop Fawns was dressed in overalls using hammer and saw with the rest of his ward workers. He was a willing worker and displayed fine leadership and we all should emulate his example"

When a young man, Mr. Fawns left his young wife and baby daughter and sailed for England where he remained for two years as a missionary for his church. Mrs. Arthur Fawns, like all Raymond Pioneer wives and mothers, stood by her husband in all his worthy endeavors.

She was very active in women's affairs both in the church and as First Vice President of the United Farm Women of Alberta. In 1906 she was sustained president of the Y.L.M.I.A., second counselor of the

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